

according to law ; Provided always, that no Teacher in such section shall hold the office of School Trustee.*

(4) *Decide how the School shall be Supported.*

Fourthly. To decide upon the *manner* [as defined by the *thirteenth Section of the Supplementary School Act of 1853, page 48*], in which the salary of the Teacher or Teachers, and all the expenses connected with the operations of the School or Schools, shall be provided for.†

13. CHALLENGING VOTERS AT SCHOOL MEETINGS.

VII. And be it enacted, That if any person offering to vote at an annual or other school section meeting, shall be challenged as unqualified by any legal voter in such section, the Chairman

* By the fourteenth section of the Supplementary Act, no Local Superintendent can be a Trustee in a school section [p. 77]; and by the sixth proviso in the fourth section of the same Act supporters of separate schools are ineligible as Trustees of public common schools [p. 61]. In the case of a contested election in a school section, an appeal can be made to the Local Superintendent. See page 78 and note to fifth section, page 24.

† It belongs to the *office of Trustees* to estimate and determine the *amount* of the Teacher's salary and all expenses connected with the school ; but it appertains to the majority of the Freeholders and Householdors of each School Section, at a public meeting called for the purpose, to decide as to the *manner* in which such expenses shall be provided for, whether (1) by voluntary subscription; (2) rate bill, in advance, of twenty five cents (or less) per month on children attending the school ; (3) rate on property. But as the Trustees alone (by the fourth, fifth, and seventeenth clauses, of the twelfth sections [pp. 36, 42],) determine the amount required for the support of the school which they are required to keep open at least six months of the year, they are authorized by the latter part of the seventh clause of the twelfth section [p. 38] to provide the balance in such manner as they may think proper. They are also authorized to provide for *deficiencies*, by a rate upon the property of the section, should the vote of the annual meeting not cover all expenses ; or for *all the expenses of the school*, (over and above the checks for the School Fund) should the annual meeting *omit* or *refuse* to decide as above. But for all the money received and expended by them, the Trustees must account annually to their constituents, as prescribed in the eighteenth clause of the twelfth section. [Page 43.] Besides calling Annual School Section Meetings, Trustees are authorized by the twelfth clause of that section, page 40, to call Special Meetings to select a site for the erection of a school-house, the mode of raising a teacher's salary, or for any school purpose whatever.